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SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION: SELEC-  
TION OF PRIVATE PERSONS TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION

REFS: (A) USUN 0007; (B) USUN 0008

1. IN MEETING JANUARY 7 WITH AMBASSADOR SAHLGREN REGARDING  
LIST OF CANDIDATES TO SERVE IN A PRIVATE CONSULTATIVE  
CAPACITY TO TNC COMMISSION, MISSION MAY CONFIRM OUR EARLIER  
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INDICATION THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED US MEMBERS  
JAGER AND JONES.

2. HOWEVER WITH REGARD TO THE PANEL AS A WHOLE WE BELIEVE  
THAT THE INCLUSION OF LDC PRIVATE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES  
WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN A MORE BALANCED GROUP OF ADVISORS.

3. WE ALSO QUESTION THE EXPANSION OF THE GROUP FROM THE AGREED UPON 15 MEMBERS TO 19. WE THINK THAT THE SMALLER GROUP WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE. MISSION SHOULD NOT TAKE THE LEAD IN OPPOSING THIS EXPANSION BUT SHOULD SUPPORT ANY SENTIMENT WHICH MAY DEVELOP AMONG OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING IN FAVOR OF A SMALLER GROUP. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH A DEVELOPMENT, MISSION SHOULD SUGGEST THAT EXPANSION OF GROUP TO 19 PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITION OF

AT LEAST ONE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE FROM LDC AND PROPOSE THAT SAHLGREN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.

4. WITH RESPECT TO PROCEDURES FOR APPROVING LIST, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES TO BE CONSULTED WHETHER THIS IS DONE DIRECTLY BY UN OR INDIRECTLY THROUGH REGIONAL GROUP CHAIRMAN.

5. BEGIN FYI: WITH REGARD TO THE INCLUSION OF JUAN SOMAVIA WE ARE PARTICULARLY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE ROLE HE MIGHT PLAY AS A MEMBER OF THIS GROUP IN VIEW OF HIS UNHELPFUL ATTITUDE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION ISSUES WHEN HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS. IN THAT REGARD, PROCEDURAL PLOY OF CONSULTING REGIONAL CHAIRMAN MAY WELL BE DESIGNED TO AVOID AWKWARDNESS WITH REGARD TO CHILEAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS A PROPOSED SOMAVIA APPOINTMENT. END FYI.

6. CHAIRMAN OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP: WHILE WE WANTED TO KEEP OPTIONS OPEN ON THIS QUESTION IN CASE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE DESIRABLE CANDIDATE FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD EMERGE, WE DO NOT WISH TO BECOME ISOLATED ON ISSUE AND MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO GO ALONG WITH ANY WEO CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF NIKLASSON CANDIDACY AS REQUESTED REF B. KISSINGER

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